issue prices ex-FCI godown, that is fixed by the Government of India. To this the State Governmnts add a suitable margin and issue the food-grains.

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Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state;

(a) what were the target set for the procurement of foodgrains during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) how far these, have been realised;

(c) whether there have been shortfall in procurement recently;

(d) if so, the reasons therof; and

(e) the steps taken to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The procu rement of wheat and paddy for the Central pool under the price support scheme being totally voluntary and the procurement of levy-rice from millers/traders being .dependent on the quantum of paddy purchased by them, no targets, as such, can be fixed for procurement of wheat and rice.

(b) A quantity of 63.80 lakh tonnes of wheat and 108.34 lakh tonnes of rice (including paddy in terms oifriee have been procured upto 26-2-93 and 2-3-93 respectively in the current 1992-93 rabi and kharif marketing seasons as compared to 77.52 lakh tonnes of wheat and 102.47 lakh tonnes of rice procured during the last 1991-92 rabi and kharif marketing seasons respectively,

(c) Yes, Sir. There has been short fall in procurement of wheat during 1992-93 rabi marketing season as com pared to tne previous year.

(d) The main reasons for lower procurement of wheat were higher oper market prices of wheat less! mandi arrivals in main wheat producing States, larger purchases by traders and possible holding back of stocks by farmers in anticipation of better prices later during the year.

(e) For the 1993-94 rabi marketing season beginning on 1-4-1993 an in centive bonus of Rs. 25 per quintal has been announced. Tnis will foe pay able by the Central Government to farmers who sell their wheat to Food Corporation of India and State pro curing agencies during the peak pro curement period from 1st April to 30th June, 1993. This bonus will be over and above the minimum support price of Rs. 305 per quintal fixed for the 1993-94 rabi marketing season. Besides this all other steps including opening of adequate number of pur chase centres alid making arrange ments for prompt payment of the price to the farmers etc. are being taken to ensure better procurement during the coming rabi season.

Procurement of Foodgrains by some States

1404. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state;

(a) what is the ratio of imported and indigenously produced foodgrains procured for the public distributions system in Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Manarasht-ra, Delhi and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) what is the monthly quota of supply of foodgrains for public dis-tibution system in these states;

(c) what were the anticipated gap in the procurement and supply of

foodgrains during the year 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to augment the low procurement of foodgrains by official agencies?

THE; MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI). (a) A statement is attached (See below)

(b) No such monthly quota of food-gains are fixed for the public distribution system. Allotment of wheat and rice are made to States/Union Territories every month based on various factors the availability of stocks in Central pool being a major consideration.

(c) Information on all India basis is as under: —

*Year	Procurement for Central pool		Supply/Offtake under P.D.S.		Gap between procurement and supply	
	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice
1990-91 . . .	110.65	117.50	70.85	90.17	(+)39.80	(+)27.33
1991-92 . . .	77.52	92.36	87.25	98.55	(—)9.73	(—)6.19
**1992-93 . . .	63.80	86.51	65.21	29.66	(—)1.25	(+)56.05

*Wheat—Rabi marketing season from April—March. Rice—Kharif marketing season from October—September. **Upto 31st January, 1993.

(d) In wheat, the minimum support price for the coming 1993-94 rabi marketing season has been increased by Rs. 55 per quintal from Rs. 250 per qtl. to Rs. 305 per qtl. Further, a bonus of Rs. 25 per quintal has been given to farmers for sale of wheat from 1st April to 30th June, 1993.

In addition, adequate number of purchase centres are opened and arrange ments for prompt payment to farmers are made to ensure better procurement.

In the case of paddy, for the current kharif marketing season of 1992-93, the MSP of paddy has been increased by Rs. 40 per quintal as compared to the previous year. Besides this all other steps to increase procurement of paddy/rice have been taken e.g. geting full support and participation of the State Governments/Union Territories and requesting them to ensure strict enforcement of levy order for collection of levy rice from the rice millers/dealers during the current kharif marketing season.

Statement

Quantities of wheat and rice imported and idigenously procured for central pool in Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Delhi and Himachal Praiesh during the current Rabi and Kharif Marketing season 1992-93 *and ratio between them.*

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Year	Quantity of wheat and rice produced for the Central Pool in the above mentioned 8 States/Union Territories during the current Rabi Marketing Session 1992-93.		Quantity of wheat and rice contracted for import during 1992.		Ratio of wheat and rice contracted for import and that indigenously procured	
	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice
	(As on 26-2-93)	(As on 2-3-93)				
1992-93	63:80	68.93	29.90	2.15	68.09 : 31.91	96.98 : 3:02
1992-93 (All India)	63.80	108.34	29.90	2.15	68.09 : 31.91	98.05 : 1:95

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N3: Gujrat does not contribute for Central Pool.